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Altman resigns

He apologizes to university

by Jamie Carte and Bill Cushing CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Rumors and hearsay circulated around campus Friday, but only one man held the answers.

A group of local journalists, and approximately 40 supportive students, faculty and staff heard Dr. Steven Altman, UCF president give a press conference Friday in the Board of Regents Room of the Administration Building.

The conference was called following the release of information from a six to nine month investigation undertaken by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. That investigation found Altman was one of hundreds of clients utilizing Esquire Escorts, which posed as a front for a prostitution ring.

"I'm here with a great sense of embarrassment for myself and the university," Altman said at the start of the conference. He called the situation "painful [and] an error of judgement."

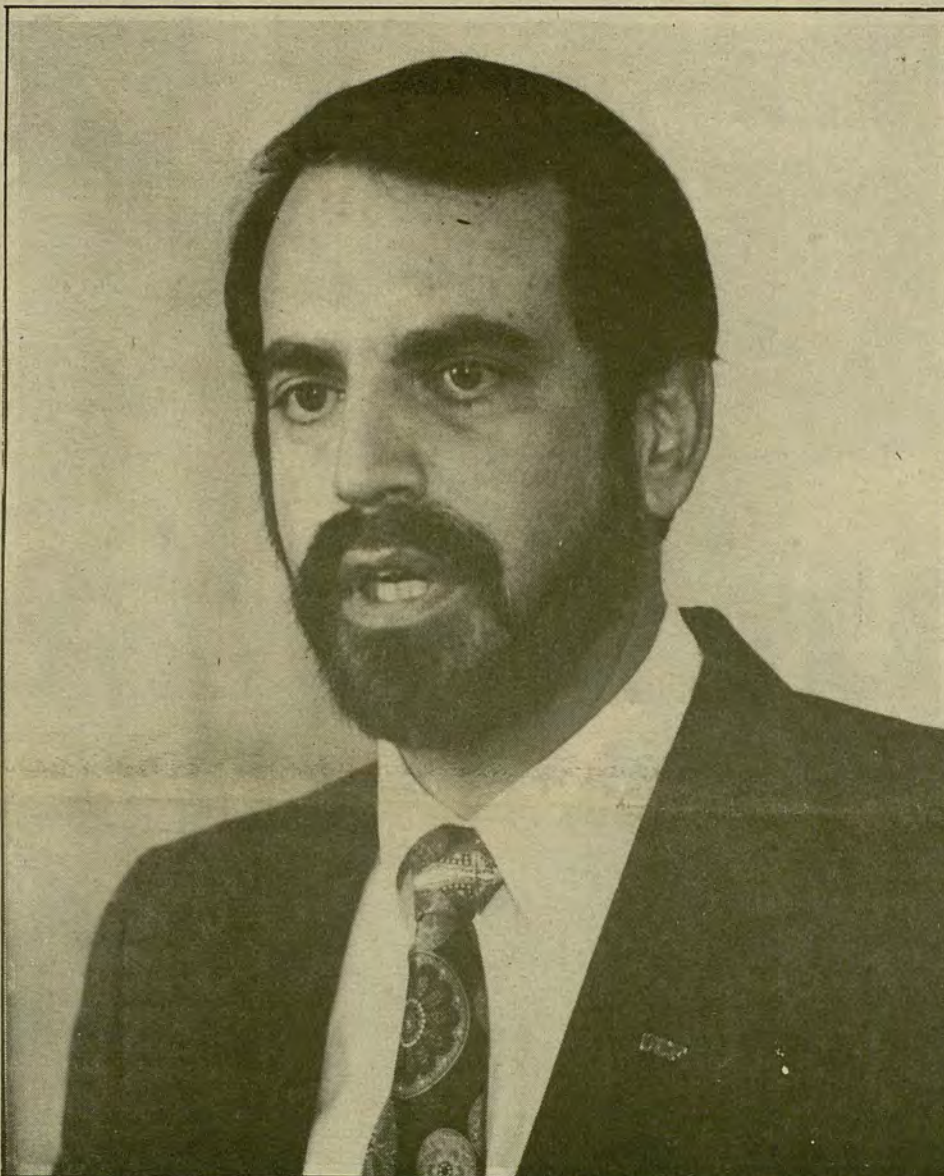
"Nothing bad happened but I realize it looks bad," Altman said of his involvement with employees of Esquire Escorts, the company FDLE agents investigated. "I didn't think I was getting into anything wrong or improper."

"I fully understand the perception and the problem of perception," he said. "It's a serious perception problem, but it is a perception problem."

He emphasized that he never considered stepping down during the investigation and said: "I would like to continue on. I'm asking your forgiveness. I'm sorry, I made a mistake but I want to contribute to this university. I want to continue."

Less than 24 hours later, Altman announced his resignation after consulting Chancellor Charles Reed.

According to Altman's statements, he has a 20 year history of back problems and usually finds more time to receive massages while on trips. He was first introduced to massage as a treatment 20 years ago after receiving a gift cer-



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"Nothing bad happened, but I believe it looks bad."

- Steven Altman former UCF president

tificate to a health club from his wife, Judy. He said he found massage therapy to be an effective means of unwinding and relaxing.

Although the Tallahassee Yellow Pages lists 18 registered massage therapists, Altman said that after calling at least five of those listed, he asked the Tallahassee Hilton's staff for help. They suggested he check the newspaper. He found Esquire's number in the classifieds of The Tallahassee Democrat.

After receiving what he called a "pro-

fessional massage," Altman paid the female attendant a total of \$100 for the session, including tip. He never checked Esquire's credentials but continued using the service based on the success of his first session. He recalled that, during his second massage, he became uncomfortable with the "flirtatious" nature of the woman which he "flatly rejected."

For his third session, he requested

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Report forces UCF President to step down

by Jamie Carte and Bill Cushing CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

UCF's third president resigned Saturday within two years of his inauguration.

Dr. Steven Altman, university president since 1989, stepped down following an investigation revealing his use of an escort service while on university business. Altman maintained that he used the service strictly for "massage therapy."

Altman was out of town and unavailable for statements over the weekend.

He contacted Dean McFall, assistant vice president for university relations and director of public affairs, on Saturday afternoon to inform him of his decision to resign.

"What he told me at the time was that he was submitting his resignation," McFall said. "The initiative, as I understand it, came from Dr. Altman. He was taking this action because he felt it was good for the university."

The resignation, which was verbal at the time, was formalized on Monday in Tallahassee after Altman met with Board of Regents Chancellor Charles B. Reed. Altman resigned from the presidency as well as the university's faculty.

State university presidents are appointed and can be dismissed by the BOR at any time. The Board of Regents is the state body responsible for hiring, dismissing or imposing disciplinary action on state university presidents.

"Presidents serve at the pleasure of the Board," Riordan said. However, Altman voluntarily resigned after his name appeared on a telephone client list for Esquire Escort, a firm which the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was investigating.

According to Patrick Riordan, spokes-

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Students speak out



"I can understand him resigning because he always has his wife close to him at functions, and it must be uncomfortable."

- Kathy Woody
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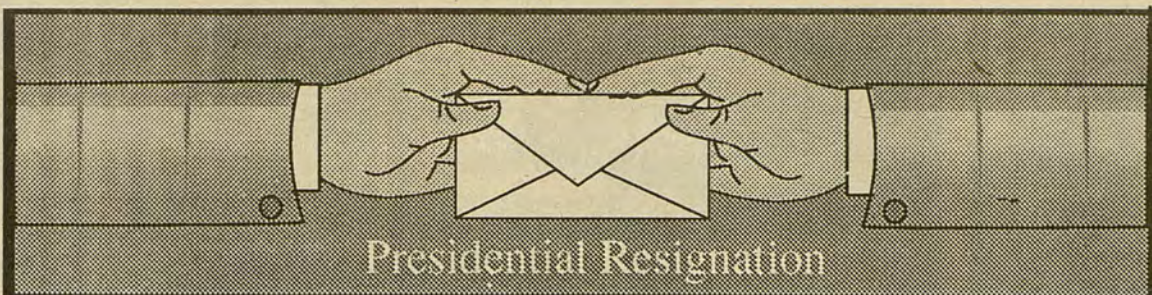
"I kind of like the guy. For one, he's outgoing."

- James Walden
Finance



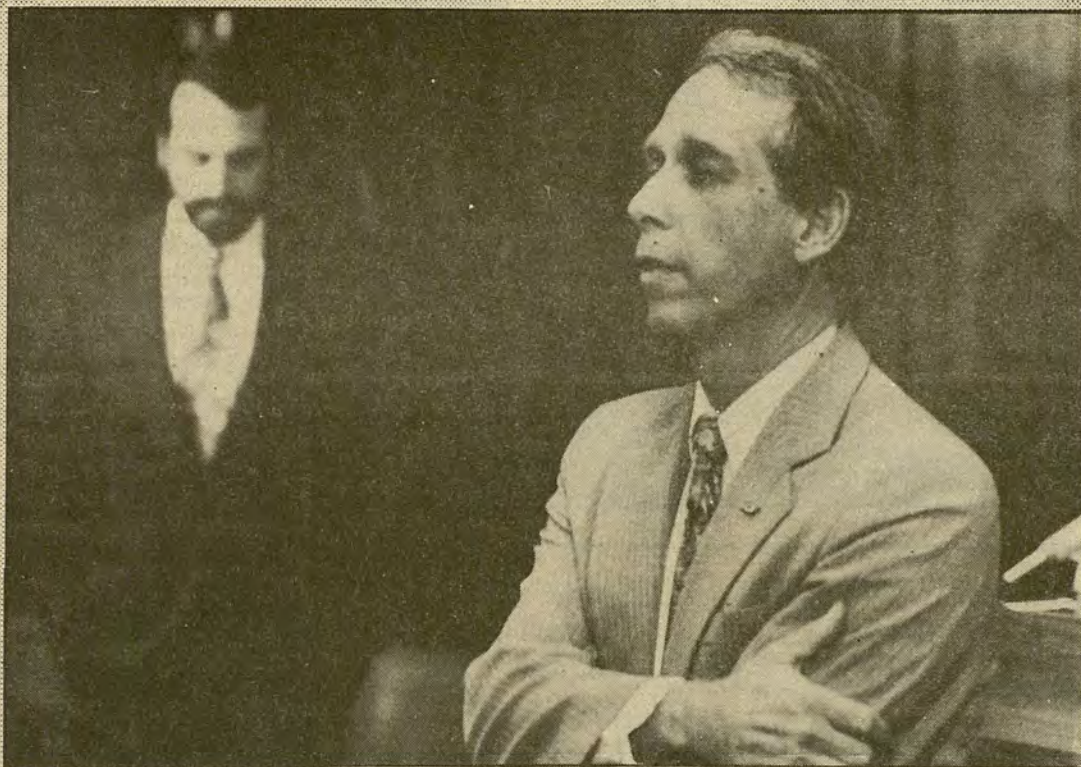
"... outraged at the fact that he is still going to receive his salary for another 5 or 6 months."

- Valerie Carle



The Central Florida Future asked UCF students —

How do you feel about Dr. Altman resigning?



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Dean McFall, Assistant Vice President of University Relations and director of Public Affairs, organized a press conference for President Steven Altman Friday afternoon. The conference was organized after the The Orlando Sentinel reported that Altman had used an illegal escort service, Esquire, while on business trips. Altman said at the conference that he used the services for massage therapy only. Altman announced his resignation the next day.



"Nothing has been substantiated. Nobody will equal his calibre, and I think the press is too sensitive."

- Bart Morrison
Graduate student, education



"I am shocked he is still being paid for six months."

- Andrew Gordon



"I feel for his wife, but we make our choices. Any other city would have let it go."

- John Shadgett

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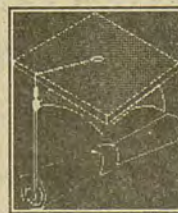
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SG sponsored rally supports Altman



Students and faculty cheered for Altman at a press conference sponsored by SG. Above left: Jason DiBona, Student Body President, above right: Dr. Glenn Cunningham, chairman of Faculty Senate, below: approximately 40 students and faculty waved banners and made signs to support Altman.



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CONFERENCE FROM PAGE 1

a different masseuse.

During his press conference, Altman emphasized that he never used either state or university money to pay for the sessions.

Altman said he did not ask the female attendants if they had professional licensing.

"There was no impropriety. I was always modestly covered," Altman also said of the sessions. "It never occurred to me that this was a nefarious group."

Altman said he was conducting a review of his records to see if there were any more calls.

A story published by The Orlando Sentinel revealed that Altman had previously used escort services while in Washing-

ton, D. C. in 1989 and 1990. He said he would review his personal records to ensure that there are no other related incidents.

He seemed optimistic about staying on as UCF's president.

"I think my record in the past of leadership has been a good one," Altman said, adding that, at no time during the FDLE investigation period, did he consider stepping down from the presidency.

Esquire Escort of Tallahassee, one of five in the state, was the cover for a prostitution ring. FDLE investigators closed down the operation following a series of violent incidents at the company's Gainesville branch. Altman's name appeared on telephone records retrieved during that investigation.

While gathering testimony

against Esquire's owners, FDLE representatives interviewed Altman in August of last year.

Altman told FDLE authorities that on three separate occasions in May 1990, while on business in Tallahassee, he called Esquire to receive a massage for cronic stress-related back problems.

He re-asserted that nothing improper happened during the sessions, saying "I made a mistake, but it stemmed from an incident that is proper."

Altman closed the conference by apologizing to the students of UCF.

"First of all, you're the greatest. Second, I'm sorry I let you down. Third, this is a great university and I hope to be part of it to help promote your education," he said.

DiBona says reports laced with 'negativity'

by Brynner Yee
CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Students carried signs reading "We love Dr. Altman" and "We support Steve Altman" in front of the administration building on Friday during a rally organized by Student Government.

SG Public Relations Director Chris Marlin set up the rally Friday Morning after The Orlando Sentinel reported that Altman was under investigation for using an escort service. Dr. Glenn Cunningham, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said during the rally that the faculty supported President Altman. He expressed his appreciation for all of Altman's contributions to UCF, the State University System and the community in general.

"I'm certainly proud of our president. He still has my support. Nothing that has happened in the last two to three days has changed my opinion of him," Cunningham said.

"We are here to give our support to Dr. Altman and let him know the students are behind

him," Jason DiBona, student body president, said.

"He is the key factor to the success of UCF in the last two years," he said.

DiBona said the media reports about Altman used "sensationalism [and] negativity."

"Support Dr. Altman. Don't believe the hype!" DiBona said.

He said that whether the information came from a Florida Department of Law Enforcement or not, there is always a certain amount of hype involved.

"What I'm asking is that everyone at the university and in the community give Dr. Altman the benefit of the doubt. He deserves that," DiBona said.

SG Vice President Mark Dogoli said the rally was held to give Altman personal support.

"Dr. Altman and his wife need support right now. We're supporting him and not the issue," Dogoli said.

"We're supporting Dr. Altman because of all the accomplishments and achievements that he has made as president

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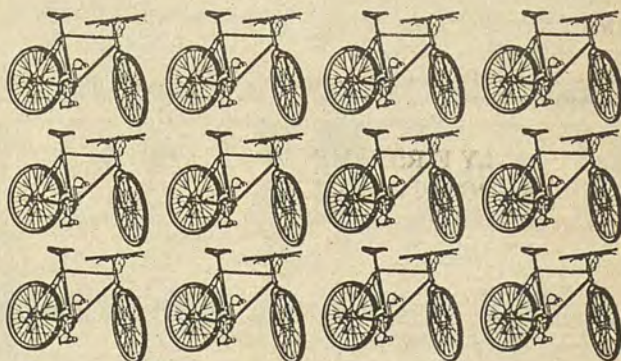
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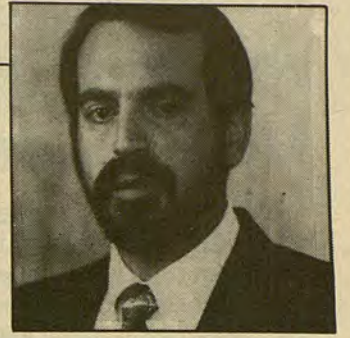
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June 10, 1989 — Dr. Steven Altman officially submits his resignation to BOR chancellor Charles Reed.

Altman planned for future in 2 year tenure

by Jamie Carte
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In a two year tenure as UCF President, Steven Altman increased the university's visibility, funding and created a more diverse campus.

Altman, who left his position as president of Texas A&I, succeeded Trevor Colbourn to become the third president in UCF's 25 year history.

When Altman first took office, July 1989, he wrote a commentary in The Central Florida Future stating his objectives. He wrote, "I am going to work diligently to elevate the university's image and visibility, improve our funding, advance our academic standing, and refine our administrative and management procedures to be sure our basic purposes are fulfilled."

He confirmed these goals at his April 27, 1990 inauguration speech where he said, "We will be serious about the virtues and economic necessity of a culturally diversified campus."

In holding true to his goals, Altman established a 16 point Strategic Plan that set UCF on course for the future.

Dean McFall, vice president of university relations and director of public affairs, said, "Dr. Altman gave UCF coherence and purpose." He cited the Strategic Plan as a way that Altman organized the growth of UCF and called the plan "a realistic view of growth and facilities."

According to McFall, Altman raised the visibility of UCF. He held a tight public speaking schedule that included a speech per day in the early part of his term.

Altman has also increased funding

and donations for UCF.

Patrick Riordan, director of public relations for the Board of Regents, said Altman successfully increased contracts and grants in research, which is now over \$28 million.

McFall agreed stating that under Altman's leadership sponsorship research has "sky-rocketed."

Riordan added that Altman's fundraising ability was effective in the legislature.

In two years, Altman also secured four eminent scholar chairs, each in one million dollar sums. Before this, UCF had five pledged chairs in its history.

When it came to deciding whether it was morally right to accept \$100,000 in scholarship funds from the University Club, Altman made the decision. In spring 1990, he accepted the money from the club that doesn't admit African Ameri-

cans or women, but specified that it would go for undiscriminatory purposes.

McFall said Altman has integrated greater curricular, cultural and ethnic diversity at UCF.

In fall 1991, 24 national merit scholars will attend UCF and the enrollment of minority students will be higher than ever before.

A few weeks before Altman resigned he was honored with The Tree of Life humanitarian award.

McFall said about Altman's accomplishments: "Our level of research has intensified, teaching effectiveness has improved, and student performance has been on the rise. Really, what the bottom line is, he's raised everyone's sights."

—Bill Cushing and Heidi Steiner of The Central Florida Future contributed to this article.

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man and director of BOR public information, the Board negotiated a short-term contract with Altman in order to retain his services with UCF.

The contract will expire Nov. 30. Until that time, Altman will work at his home and report to Chancellor Reed as a consultant.

Riordan said that Altman will advise Reed on matters such as UCF's master plan, fund-raising, budgets and academic planning during this time.

Under normal circumstances of a president's resignation, Riordan said Altman would take a year sabbatical at full pay.

Altman will receive full pay for the six month period: \$64,000 plus benefits.

The benefits include being paid for the 240 days of annual leave that Altman has accumulated. Altman can no longer

gain leave days since he is off the university pay roll.

Altman could also retain a \$2,500 annuity, which is like a pension, and one quarter of his annual \$15,000 in housing allowance. The UCF Foundation supplies the president with these benefits and Altman's retention of these are pending the Foundation's decision.

Altman will relinquish his access to the \$35,000 expense fund that the UCF Foundation also supplies.

Altman will also give his Lincoln Town Car with cellular phone to the university.

"The Board has a high regard for his presidential skills and knowledge," Riordan said. "We'd like to provide him with a safety net."

He also cited Altman's professional career as one of the best, saying that his national standing is quite high and his professional reputation is one of the best.

"I think he can get it together and resume — after a peri-

od of soul-searching," Riordan said. "It's unfortunate that Dr. Altman's private life has raised doubts about his judgement."

The Board will name an interim president later this week. At press time Chancellor Reed was in the process of finding an available interim president. The BOR will confirm that recommendation.

Until an interim president is named, Provost Richard Astro will assume presidential duties, according to university policy.

Astro said university operations are carrying on as usual.

The interim president will serve until a new president can be found. The presidential search will last for several months.

"The integrity of UCF and the public perception of the university will be the BOR's primary consideration," Riordan said.

RALLY

FROM PAGE 4

of this university over the past two years. He has been a friend of the students and we're returning that friendship," Marlin said.

"The turnout was incredible for the amount of time they had," SG senator David Patton said.

The rally lasted about 10 minutes and grew from 40 to about 75 people. Campus Food Services supplied drinks for those present.

"We tried to contact as many students as possible through various clubs and organiza-

tions," DiBona said.

Members of the SG cabinet, Orientation Team and President's Leadership Council were also present along with representatives of campus Greek organizations.

Dogoli added that many students were randomly called to gather support for the rally.

"I personally am here to support Dr. Altman," said Amy Reese, an O-Team representative.

"We all have skeletons," said Senator Mike Johnson, an engineering student.

"If you weigh the good against the bad of things, he's

done so much for UCF and the community that these mere rumors don't warrant dragging him through the mud," Mark Deutsch, SG senator of liberal studies, said.

SG Senator Shayan Elahi wasn't decided on whether Altman was guilty, but felt his personal life shouldn't affect his college presidency.

The rally ended with students and faculty members signing a large banner which read, "UCF Supports Dr. Altman."

—Jamie Carte and Bill Cushing of The Central Florida Future contributed to this article.

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Altman's mistakes rob him of career, UCF loses promise

Okay, we all know President Steven Altman has resigned, but where does that leave UCF?

It leaves some wondering whether Altman actually did use the escort services for services not advertised. But does it really matter?

No. What matters is the effects of this scandal on UCF.

Altman understood that his situation was indirectly tampering with the credibility of this institution and he made his choice to resign.

The outcome of Altman's resignation is that once again UCF faces a set back, just when we started to get things going.

It also means that UCF loses a president who had an impressive record for the limited time he held the office.

In Altman's inauguration speech he said he had two goals, those being to represent the university to the best of his ability and to use the upmost common sense in his decision making.

It seems to be somewhat ironic how little sense he used in his personal decisions. He should have realized how calling escort services would reflect on his public image.

His image took another slam when he tried to downplay his use of escort services.

In the beginning, Altman claimed to have made just the original phone calls. Then more and more calls were revealed from different locations. This made many question how honest Altman had been. Can we compare honesty about one's private life to honesty about one's job?

We may never know. We do know that Altman has become popular with the faculty and students. Some students even came out to support of Altman in his moment of defeat.

During the student support rally conceived and executed by student government, President Jason DiBona called the information about Altman "sensationalism" and exhorted the students to not "believe the hype." As long as we're talking about "sensationalism" and "hype," Mr. DiBona, how would you label your little rally?

And it was a little rally. Only about 40 students showed up and some of them didn't even know why they were there. It was a feeble attempt to say the least.

Later, during the press conference, a drawn and subdued Altman maintained his innocence and, in most cases, people seemed willing to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Then he mentioned that the incident had been so stressful that his wife had to take their dog to the vet because of the affect the incident was having on him, a la the Checkers Speech of a former American vice president.

That routine didn't work for Richard Nixon in the '50s, what made Altman believe that it would wash now?

It's amazing how the man's hard work was soon forgotten, the promises disappeared and we were all left with a great sense of disbelief.

Goodbye Dr. Altman and good luck. May your follies stop here.

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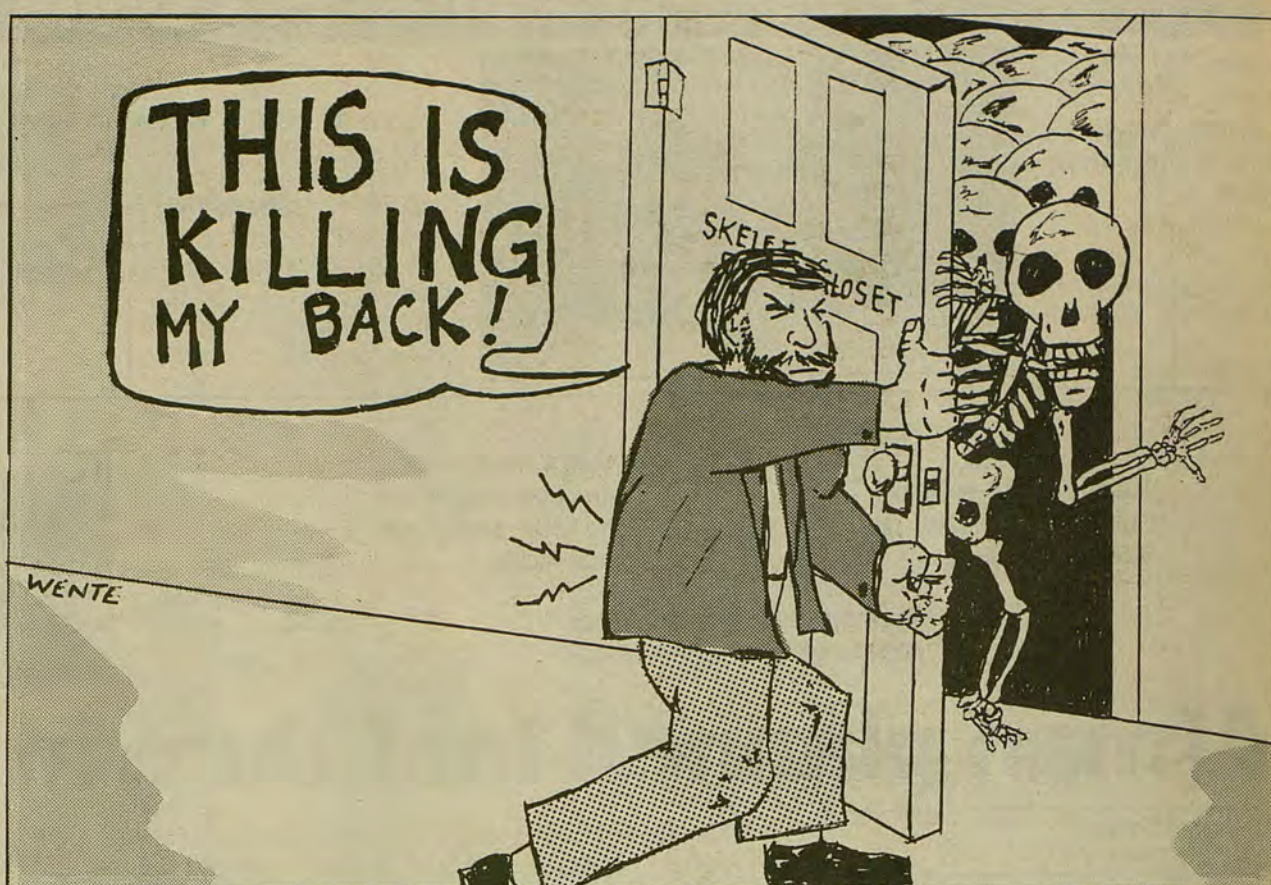
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I'm sorry I had to write all this

Saying sorry, feeling pity, feeling sympathy, feeling regret, arousing pity or contempt, that's how Webster covers it. The real question is how these simple phrases are supposed to be the beat all, cure all, for what ever ails you.

I confess, I got upset and strangled them, but I'm sorry. I'm really sorry I got drunk and ran head on into that family of four. I'm sorry I cheated on you baby, you are the only one I'll ever love, honest. Yes, it was me who embezzled all that money, but I'm so sorry. It was a bad error in judgement, I shouldn't have made those phone calls, I'm you know what. Can't you find it in your heart to trust me just once more?

The sad fact is that if you were truly sorry about any of these stupid lapses of judgment you would have made a different decision. I'm no different, I have made some real bonehead mistakes in my life. But I've never begged for mercy and said the magic phrase that makes it all disappear. At least not any more. If you have ever lost the trust of a friend or anyone who mattered in your life, that word just doesn't cut it.

Which brings us to the next important point. Why do people make all those incredibly stupid decisions that hurt others? All it takes to avoid these messes is to just use that soft mushy thing between your ears and the problem is avoided. The dilemma is that those pesky creatures called humans are the most

ROCKIN' THE BOAT

Charles K. Morrow

selfish bastards ever invented. It seems their only concern is their own self centered interests. Whether it's for sex, money, fame, power, fun, revenge, love or simple relief of minor back pain, we have all seen a minor lapse of reason has brought down the best of 'em. It is a damn shame that an excellent president was forced out of office, but then again that's the breaks.

We are all responsible for our own actions because stupid decisions affect people other than the one screwing up. Let's face it, in this country you are not innocent until proven guilty. Despite what the Constitution states to the contrary. If that were true, the administration would not be looking for a new leader. Instead the damage control machine has kicked in full force and is going to keep the situation under control.

This is one of those complicated issues that seems simple to solve. All it takes is a little thought before the fact and usually an educated decision is the proper one. So before you go out and drink and drive, don't use a condom, forget to feed the cat, commit a murder, skip an exam, lie to your parents, or f**k up in any way, shape or fashion, think it over.

Public will led Hitler, Reagan

Former President Ronald Reagan was Framed!!

At long last, the evil yoke of MAD LIBERALS and PISSED-OFF LEFTIES has been thrown off the back of the ex-man, Ron Reagan.

Nothing rancid shall stick to Reagan, as nothing can stick to Teflon.

Acid Rain? Screw the Canadians if they can't take a joke; anyway, we're not accountable, we're America.

And those whiny Vietnam Protestors of Berkely College? The tear gas and police brutality unleashed upon them by Gov. Reagan was too good for the communist loving youth.

Poverty-oppressed, environmental rape, human-rights abuse, Ed Meese and the Censorship Revolution? "These are a few of my FAV-OR-ITE things" Ronald Wilson Reagan rocks the O-RENA, 1986.

Incredible findings have, indeed, proven the Iran-Contra allegations to be the nasty creation of Iranian Bani-Sadr, author of, "IRAN: Land Of Thieves and Liars." In conjunction with Sadr, Congress (those goofy but loveable Democrats) brought the allegations to public. The public, bored by re-runs of Watergate, gave two thumbs down to the Iran flick and deemed it a rip-off of Nixon.

In the mean-time, Bani-Sadr and Congress have joined together for a reunion tour, crooning to the massing, "Hey you guys, it was just a little pissed-off lefty joke to gain attention." Known to all, the confession of Sadr and Congress was compelled by the courageous efforts of UCF's zealot journalist and research-in' fool, Brynner W. Yee.

From the halls of Congress to the worn out keys of

NAKED EYE

Brian Goercke

his Underwood typewriter, Yee has rocked the political world with ballsy journalistic prose as, "Word to thee: I'm Brynner W. Yee," "Brynner Yee raps with the man," "Brynner W. Yee: I Saw the Best Wars of My Generation Destroyed By Pissed-Off Lefties" and "War and Peace (and Brynner W. Yee)." Critics far and wide have been willing to ingratiate their lives with thoughts of Yee:

Harmonica T (of Basketball Digest): "I'm pretty sure that dude owes me five bucks."

MC Rhetoric-master (of the Sentenal): "Intolerance of intolerance is an intolerance that really pisses me off, all credit to Yee."

UNM-Ployd (of S & L Weekly): "Word Up, Reagan was Framed."

There is much to be said of the Yee revolution and his recent article entitled, "Reagan was a Victim of Liberals." In his work, he assures the reader that "even if Reagan was guilty (of Iran-Contra), he was only guilty of acting by the public's will."

Along these lines, P.W. Botha's brutal apartheid, Hitler's Nazism, the KKK's post-Civil War's lynchings, the execution of Jesus Christ and the slaughter of the Native American Indian were all ethical in that they were in accordance with the public's will.

Former President Ronald Reagan was Framed!!

Kennedy justice: The best that money can buy

Well, the Kennedy family is in hot water again because of dealings with a woman. But it seems that whenever the corpulent senator or his bunch from the commonwealth of Massachusetts get around women, water is involved, or vice versa.

Unfortunately, the female involved in the Palm Beach Good Friday Despoilment doubled her poor judgement and luck by getting involved with a Kennedy, which means that justice will be s-l-o-w in being served.

I propose that the charges against William Kennedy Smith be dropped.

What? Drop the case?

Well, why not?

Nothing is ever going to come of this trial except that the people of Florida will spend an outrageous amount of money on a trial in which the party with the most funds will come out ahead. And you know who that'll be...the Kennedys.

Here's the situation so far:

On March 29, Good Friday weekend, the Kennedys, good Christians that they are, were celebrating this holiest of weekends by cruising local nightspots and practicing the drinking with which they are so adept.

On Saturday, a 29-year-old Jupiter woman reported the alleged rape to police. That Sunday, detectives attempted to speak with both Sen. Kennedy and Smith.

That's when the games began. Obstructions, delay tactics and half-truths emanated from the family. These tactics were bolstered by the help of family lawyers.

On May 16, headlines announced certain discrepancies existed between Kennedy's public statements and police reports. Kennedy now insists he knew nothing of the seriousness of the charges against his nephew until after the weekend, calling the whole situation "nothing more than an honest semantic misunderstanding."

Ironically, on Easter evening, the good senator happened to phone friend and attorney Marvin Rosen, whose partner Mark Schanpp is now representing young Smith.

Remember what happened at Chappaquiddick? If not, one of the items that came out during the proceedings was that, for two hours while poor Ted was too shocked to call authorities concerning a girl drowning, he was able minded enough to contact a lawyer

WHAT'S NEXT

Bill Cushing

almost immediately.

Well, the scenery may be different this time but the song remains the same.

So, the trial will begin and then, with the Kennedy defense team playing a game "Extendo" with the legal and justice system, some flaw or loophole in either the laws or the parties involved will be uncovered. The case will either be judged a mistrial or the jury will be deadlocked. The likely result will be that neither Smith nor anyone else involved in this fiasco will be held accountable.

In George Orwell's story "Animal Farm," a saying developed during the course of the narrative. That is, "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."

In America one could easily paraphrase that to "Equal justice to all but more equal justice to the rich, and especially to the Kennedys."

ON AND OFF CAMPUS

Elton Bracey



Computers rank just over frozen yogurt in history

DAVE BARRY

Tribune Media Services

Without question the most important invention in human history, next to frozen yogurt, is the computer. Without computers, it would be virtually impossible for us to accomplish our work; gkmc, mff&f

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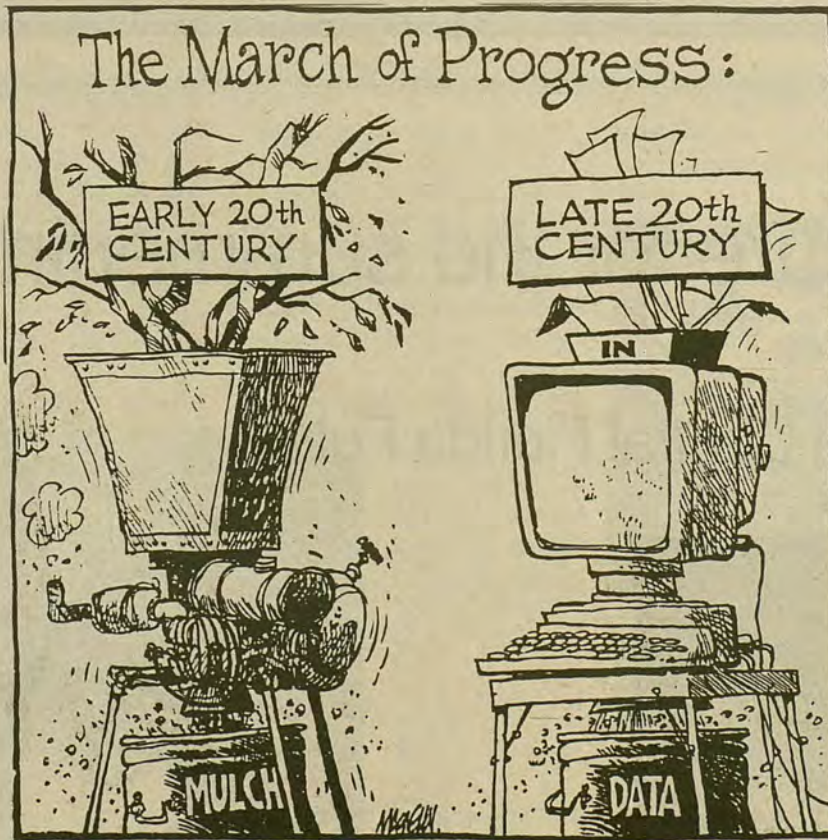
ERROR ERROR ERROR ALL FILES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED YOU STUPID BAZOOTYHEAD

Ha ha! Considering what a wonderful invention computers are, they certainly have a way of making you sometimes feel like pouring coffee into their private parts and listening to them scream. Of course you should not do this. The first rule of data processing is: "Never pour hot beverages into a computer, unless it belongs to somebody else, such as your employer."

For many of us, the first "hands-on" experience with computers occurs in the workplace. This was certainly true in the newspaper business. One day we reporters came to work and discovered that our old, slow, horse-drawn typewriters had been replaced by sleek, efficient computers with keys that said mysterious scary things like "BREAK" and "NUM LOCK." Fortunately we were trained by highly skilled professional computer personnel who spoke no English. "Before you macro your ASCII, you have to format your RAM," they would advise us, in a tone of voice clearly suggesting that any member of the vegetable family should know this instinctively.

So we reporters were wary at first, but after just 175 weeks of training, we discovered that, instead of writing on clumsy, old-fashioned paper, we could create lengthy stories entirely on the computer screen, and then, simply by pushing a button, send them to the Planet Zembar. Or maybe even farther. We definitely couldn't find them anywhere in the building.

"WHERE THE HELL IS MY STORY?" we would say, shaking the computer personnel by their necks.



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But the lost stories always turned out to be our own fault. We had invariably committed some basic bone-head data-processing error such as — you are going to laugh when I tell you this — failing to modem our ROM BIOS VGA megahertz cache.

But gradually we got the hang of it, and today we journalists routinely use highly sophisticated, multi-million-dollar computer systems to perform a function that is vital to the survival of a free society, namely, sending personal messages to each other. Walk into a newspaper, and you'll see serious-looking journalists clattering away on their keyboards; it looks as though they're writing important stories about the plight of the Kurds, but in fact they're sending each other the joke about what the male giraffe said to the female giraffe in the bar. In the old days, journalists had to transmit jokes manually.

Also computers now have "spell-checkers," which

enable us to catch and correct common misspellings such as "bazootiehead."

Of course there are some problems. You have probably read about computer "viruses," which computers get when they're left uncovered in drafty rooms. This is bad, because if you're working on an infected computer, it will periodically emit electronic sneezes, which unfortunately are not detectable by the naked eye — the word "ACHOO" appears on the screen for less than a millionth of a second — and you'll be showered with billions of tiny invisible pieces of electronic phlegm, called "bytes," which penetrate into your brain and gradually make you stupid.

This is definitely happening to me. I'll sit down at my home computer to write a thoughtful column about, say, foreign policy, and I'll type: "In view of the recent dramatic changes in the world geopolitical situation, it's time to play some solitaire." My computer has a solitaire-playing program on it, probably invented by the Japanese in an effort to sabotage the American economy. I used to think solitaire was boring, but now that my brain is clogged with computer boogers I find it more fascinating than, say, the Sistine Chapel. I spend hours moving the little electronic cards around, staring at the screen with the same facial expression

as a mullet, while the computer sneezes on me. None of this was possible just 15 years ago.

The computer is also a great teaching tool for young people. For example, my home computer has an educational program that enables you to control an entire simulated planet — its ecology, its technology, its weather, etc. My 10-year-old son and friends use this program a lot, and we've all learned some important ecological lessons, the main one being: Never, ever put 10-year-old boys in charge of a planet ("Let's see what happens when you have volcanoes AND nuclear war!").

So if you don't already have a home computer, I strongly recommend that you get one. Of course before you buy, you'll want to know the answers to some pertinent questions, especially: What DID the male giraffe say to the female giraffe in the bar? The answer — this'll kill you — is: "The hignpowoifj &kjfkjO,dmjd ERROR ERROR ERROR

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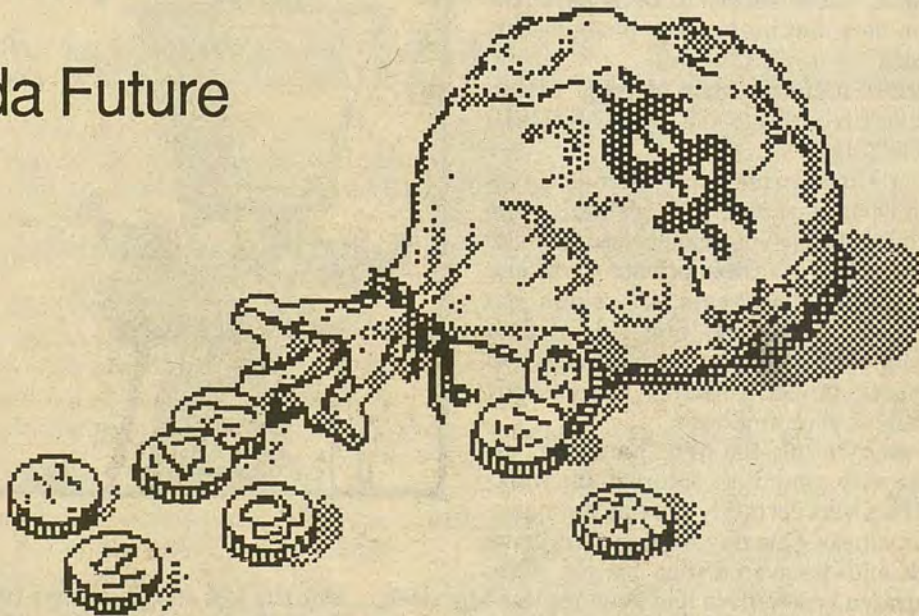
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The Central Florida Future

Don Luigi's brings taste of Italy to O-town

Luigi's offers authentic cuisine at a good price

by Lisa Komara

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

For you folks out there who wish your mama was Italian, there is a solution. Best of all, you don't HAVE to eat every thing on your plate.

Don Luigi's Italian Ristorante, located on Highway 50, just west of John Young Parkway, can remedy those excruciating hunger pains when your Italian roommate teases you with care packages sent from his doting mother.

The menu selections at Don Luigi's are numerous. They include salads, hot and cold appetizers, steaks, veal, chicken, seafood, casseroles, pizza, calzones and pasta. To be more specific, just about anything you're in the mood for.

A unique item under the appetizer section is the Sausage Bread Don Luigi, a half wreath of homemade bread flavored with bits of sausage, served with marinara sauce (\$4.50).

Don Luigi's customizes its meat and seafood entrees to suit each diner's tastes. A customer can choose which ever sauce appeals to them, then order it to accompany their favorite meat or seafood. This allows flexibility for the diner, and makes the chef's job easier, since the bases to many of these sauces can be made in advance.

The more appealing sauces were

the Pesto cream sauce and the sauce Pizzaiola. The Pesto sauce is a cream based sauce containing fresh basil, Parmesan cheese, Pignoli nuts and garlic. It is offered over shrimp as Shrimp Alpesto (\$14.95).

The Pizzaiola is a spicy, tomato based marinara sauce. This classic sauce is combined with your choice of fresh shellfish and served over pasta.

The pasta offerings seemed most delectable. The pastas included plain (spaghetti, fettucini, linguini and ziti), filled (ravioli and tortellini) and gnocchi (a potato pasta dumpling). And, like the other entrees, a variety of sauces are available to top off your favorite pasta.

The most original pasta sauce was the Mama Domenica, made from cream, marinara

sauce and Gorgonzola cheese (\$10.95 if served with gnocchi). It was named after Don Luigi's mother. Mama mia!

Our waiter was prompt and accommodating. In spite of it being his first day, he tolerated my interrogations about the menu and bravely suggested the Greek salad as an appetizer.

After the truly bountiful Greek salad (\$5.95), a chilled bowl of roasted peppers (\$1.95) and two beers, we were ready for our entrees.

I decided to pass up the mama Do-

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Orlando's Don Luigi's creates the sights, smells and tastes of real Italian cuisine. This moderately priced restaurant is located on W. Colonial in the Parkwood Plaza.

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Spike Lee returns to form in 'Jungle Fever'

Interracial and family relationships, drug use and stereotyping studied in first-rate production by excellent cast

by Bill Cushing

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Somehow Spike Lee manages to upset all the conventions, and do it successfully.

Two years ago, he went against the status quo by presenting "Do the Right Thing" in the middle of fluff like "Star Trek whatever" and other related crap. That film went on to gross a greater return per-dollar-invested than anything else during the season.

Now, while film companies push Christina Applegate as the seasonal fare, Lee gives us the coupling of Wesley Snipes and Annabella Sciorra in his newest film, "Jungle Fever."

The title comes from a street term referring to the unspoken, rarely acted-upon leanings we harbor for interracial sex.

The film itself is dedicated to Yusuf Hawkins, a young black killed in Bensonhurst on suspicions of being involved in the very type of relationship

Lee addresses here.

The story revolves around an affair that develops between Flipper Purify (Snipes), a successful architect living in Harlem with his wife and daughter, and Angie Tucci (Sciorra), a temporary secretary from the Bensonhurst area. Following the rise and dramatic fall of their relationship, "Jungle

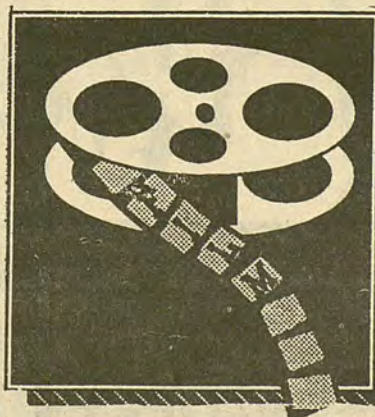
writings of the 1960s, "Soul on Ice."

Besides its stated subject, however, Lee touches on a variety of others: relationships between parents and children, relationships between men and women in general, and, as if in answer to criticisms levelled against "Do the Right Thing," the topic of drug abuse is broached. If anything, Lee uses the backdrop of black-white sex as a means to also continue what he began in "Do the Right Thing," that is, the study of racial stereotyping between divergent groups.

Although Lee has been previously charged with stereotyping, he draws his generalities out of a great amount of reality. When the scene is in the Tucci house, it is Roman Catholic-Italian

right down to the clear plastic coverings on the mismatched furniture and the overall atmosphere of sexism. Angie does all the cooking and housework, her brothers threaten her boyfriend, and,

when her father eventually learns about her relationship with Flipper, the encounter is both accurate and brutally real.



Jungle Fever

★★★★

Rated: R

Starring: Wesley Snipes,

Annabella Sciorra

Director: Spike Lee

Producer: Spike Lee

Key: ★Awful ★★Poor ★★★Fair
★★★★Good ★★★★★Excellent

As in his former works, Lee shows his strengths in working a camera. He uses combinations of stop-action and extended sweeping motion shots to bring the audience into and through his story. In one particular scene, as Flipper confronts his bosses for a promotion, Lee uses a circling shot of the meeting which follows the evasive nature of the senior partners and works

perfectly (with a capital P) in conveying Flipper's sense of anger and frustration at getting the run-around.

The film is filled with luminaries including Anthony Quinn, Tim Robbins and Lee returnees Ossie Davis, Ruth Ruby Dee and John Turturro. But it is Samuel L. Jackson, playing Gator (Flipper's crack-addicted older brother) who turns in one of the finest and strongest roles this year. Gator shucks and gives his way into money to continue his habit with a self-effacing charm yet, when it appears that his family members might not comply, the change to brutish anger is frighteningly palpable, even for those in the audience.

And perhaps the movie's most powerful scene comes when, after Gator takes his parent's color TV to hock, Flipper searches for and finds him at the "Taj Mahal," an abandoned building harboring a community of addicts. The scene is, without doubt, the most affecting of the movie. As the camera moves through the building, the scene looks like a Hieronymus Bosch painting and feels like Dante's "Inferno."

If the Board of Education had the cahones to show that scene—*uncut and uncensored*—in school auditoriums, they could do more to prevent drug use than all the bogus "say no" rallies held since 1987.

The only complaint that can

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Universal Pictures

The ever controversial Spike Lee stars in his latest Universal Picture, "Jungle Fever."

Fever" addresses a variety of different aspects of interracial relationships. One gets the feeling that Lee learned much from reading the chapter dealing with the topic in Eldridge Cleaver's radical

Critics unjustly attack artists

by Steven M. Conner
CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

There is no doubt going to be a cry from critics that the release of Spike Lee's newest film, "Jungle Fever," will incite racial riots at theaters across the nation.

Some critics will also tag on to that prediction, the statement that Spike Lee is an irresponsible filmmaker for not taking "the riot possibility" into account when writing the screenplay.

A similar situation arose a couple of years back when Dennis Hopper released his film "Colors." The story, based on gang violence in the city of Los Angeles, was said to have motivated audience riots in selected cities and was subsequently pulled from several screens.

Last summer, Madonna was blasted by pressure groups for her blatant "sexual" conduct on her Blonde Ambition Tour. The controversy resurfaced recently with the release of her tour doc "Truth or Dare."

The ever popular masturbation scene accompanied by men in bras and the obvious references to homosexuality caused outrage from many critics and fans.

The film industry hasn't been the only one hit by pressure groups for irresponsibility in their artistry.

Back in the mid-'80s, a group of Washington wives formed an organization called the Parents Music Resource Center. The PMRC was designed to pressure the recording industry

into placing "voluntarily" warning labels on records that might be deemed offensive. The idea is a good one, but when it leads to holding an artist responsible for a listener's actions when playing the record it is absolutely ridiculous.

Regardless of that fact, rock band Judas Priest and singer Ozzy Osbourne were tried for an indirect hand in the deaths of three teenage boys. The parents of the teenagers blamed the musicians for the deaths because of alleged hidden messages in the music. The artists were acquitted.

When taking these separate incidents into account, I can't help but wonder what exactly do people see as an artist's responsibility to their audience?

Does Spike Lee deserve the blame if people get hurt after seeing one of his films? Should he be held back from tackling controversial issues simply for the fact that a bunch of knuckle-heads might get pissed off at what Lee chooses to present in his work?

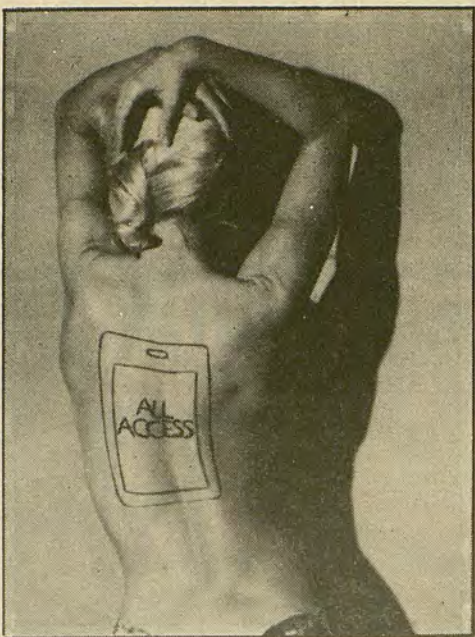
If some mother finds her daughter masturbating one morning, and it just so happens that she saw Madonna's film two days

before the incident, does the mother have every right to point the finger at Miss Ciccone?

Where do you as an audience draw the line? Isn't it bad enough that we invade celebrities' lives via the tabloids?

The entertainment industry is just that — entertainment. Let them entertain. If, in some isolated cases, that entertainment even enlightens an audience, one should praise it.

After all, art is for individual opinion.



Miramax Films

Madonna is just one of the myriad of artists that regularly come under fire for their artistic expression.

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minica and other tempting main course offerings and order Spinach Lasagna (\$9.95). My companion was curious about the White Pizza (\$14.95 for a medium pie), so we ordered that too.

The Spinach Lasagna was enormous and tasty, and as usual, more than half of it came home with me in a "Rover" bag. The White Pizza was also good but not what I expected.

My idea of White Pizza is a thin, crispy crust brushed with an herb-garlic oil and topped with two of three pungent white cheeses.

Don Luigi's rendition was topped with spinach, broccoli

and Provolone cheese and was lacking in flavor. I think for the price, one of the unique pasta dishes would be a better value.

With half of my Spinach Lasagna packaged up for consumption at a later date, I miraculously had room for dessert. And, since I've come to terms with my chocolate addiction, I white-knuckled it and chose the carrot cake instead of the sumptuous Black Forest cake. With a stiff cup of coffee, it was a perfect way to end the evening.

Don Luigi's has all of the ingredients of a successful restaurant. Its warm atmosphere, accommodating staff and wide selection of menu items make for a fine adventure in dining, Italian style.

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be lodged against this film is Lee's persistent tendency to try and take in too large a scope for the medium's parameters.

There are a few loose ends and undeveloped subplots left up in the air at the film's end.

Once Lee learns how to tighten his writing and be a bit more critical in his self-editing, he will really begin to redefine movie making. He is well on his way now and "Jungle Fever" is proof of that.

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KRUCZEK

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the national spotlight when Bradshaw went down in the fourth game of Kruczek's rookie season versus the Cleveland Browns. The Steelers at the time were 1-4. With Kruczek at the helm, the team won ten straight games before Bradshaw returned to lead the team into the playoffs.

"In the playoffs, we lost Franco (Harris) and Rocky (Bleier) in beating the Baltimore Colts and then the Raiders crushed us the next week and went on to win the Superbowl," Kruczek said.

For the following five years, Kruczek played one season with the Redskins before making the jump to coaching.

"It was a very uneventful year," Kruczek said. "I had gotten into weight training and had gotten to big. I wanted to get into the coaching aspect of the game and I did the next year with Florida State."

During the two years he spent as quarterback coach at FSU, Kruczek met Gene McDowell, who was then Bobby Bowden's linebackers coach. Following a coaching stint with the Jacksonville

Bulls, Kruczek heard from UCF.

Kruczek talked to Coach McDowell in December of 1984 and then agreed to come to UCF with a commitment to stay until the program got to be where it needs to be.

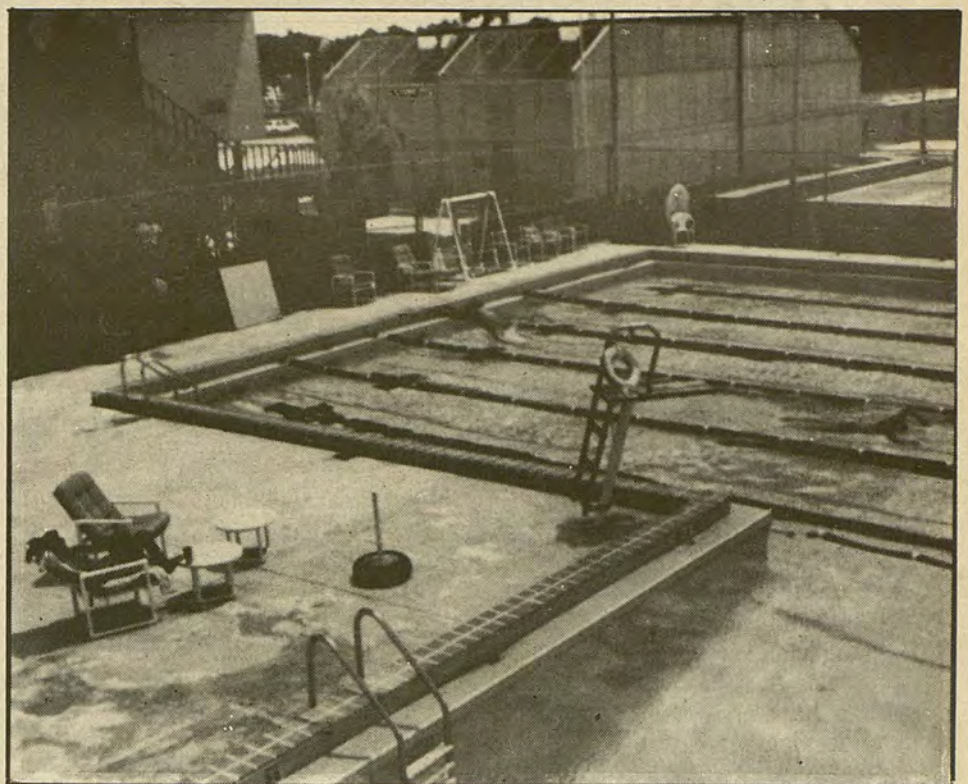
"UCF has unlimited growth potential to be a great program," Kruczek said. "Then we have the struggle of jumping to division I and playing teams like Florida State and Florida. But, hey, you only have to play one team at a time."

Since arriving here, Kruczek has carried his winning attitude and transformed it into victory while being, perhaps, misunderstood by those who have attempted to explain his success.

"I lift at 4:30 in the morning and people think I'm crazy, but it's just a routine conditioning program I do in the morning to get it out of the way," Kruczek said.

Kruczek's wife Caroline and and beautiful five year old daughter who's golden hair outshines her father's, are even further indicators of the man.

"He's a great motivator," Ector said. "This is probably the best situation I could be in right now being so young. He's taught me a tremendous amount."



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Looking down from the swimming pool diving board, the pool and Recreational Services area is enjoyed by just two swimmers and one relaxed sun-worshiper.

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consists of several eight-member coed teams (4 men, 4 women) competing in nine events.

"We encourage organizations and individuals as well as faculty to sign up.

Last year we had a great time," Knutson said.

Lunch will be provided and prizes will be given at the end of the day.

Knutson said he needs 24 volunteers for timekeepers and organization. Any faculty/staff interested should contact Recreational Services.

GOLF

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shouldn't lose a step. Although Schumaker will lose seniors Rice and Joseph, younger players Strom-Olsen, Cowgill and Bastien will return to form the foundation of a solid lineup. Schumaker said he hopes top-notch recruits,

including 1991 Florida State golf champion Robert Damron from Dr. Phillips, can carry the program to a national title.

"We'll be good," Schumaker said. "We should be just as good or better than this season."

UCF finished 21st in last years Championships.

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"FLORIDA STUDENTS....HELPING SHAPE FLORIDA'S FUTURE."

Golf team finishes 12th in NCAA tourney

by Robbie Stock
CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The transformation is complete. In just three years, the University of Central Florida men's golf team rose from a mediocre program to a perennial national power. They put an exclamation point on their drastic improvement with a 12th-place finish in the NCAA Men's Golf Championships this past weekend.

The Knights posted scores of 305-295-297-298 for a total of 1,195 or 43-over-par and 34 strokes behind champion Oklahoma State.

OSU came through with a one-under 287 in Saturday's final round. North Carolina, who led the Kowboys by seven after three rounds, finished

second.

"We were real pleased with how we finished," said UCF coach Mike Schumaker. "We never had one day where we put it all together at the same time. It's a good experience for these kids."

Aside from the tough layout at Poppy Hills Country Club, which yielded sub-par totals to just three golfers for the four-day tournament, wind and cold temperatures fought the golfers from beginning to end.

In addition to finishing 12th in the nation, the Knights had three of their players named All-American: Andrew Rice, Hans Strom-Olsen, and Malcolm Joseph. Rice paced UCF with rounds of 77-74-71-73 for a 295 total, 12 back of individual winner Warren Schuttler from UNLV. Rice's one-under 71 in the third

round vaulted the Knights into eighth place.

Joseph battled back from a first round of 80 with scores of 75-76-72 for a score of 303 in his final collegiate tourney. Strom-Olsen, who will return next year, posted a 71 in the second en route to a 301 total.

Jon Cowgill played four steady rounds, finishing with a 303 total, and Paul Bastien recovered from a disastrous first round with three-over-par 75 during each of the last three days.

"We played well," Schumaker said. "The course was really hard."

"All the teams there we're good. If you don't play to your potential, you won't do it." Arizona State University star Phil Mickelson was unable to become just the second person to win

three consecutive NCAA individual championships, finishing in a tie for fourth at 289.

The Knights capped by far their best season ever as golf kings of the state of Florida. Earlier in the season, they took the Florida Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in which the top teams from Florida all competed and outdistanced the University of Florida by 11 shots last weekend. Pat Bates was named All-American for the fourth consecutive season.

UCF finished 11 strokes ahead of Florida who fell from 18th to 20th place in the final round of the NCAA tournament.

Looking to next season, the Knights

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Former Steeler quarterback drives UCF's offensive attack

by Jamie Johnson
SPORTS EDITOR

Following the UCF football team's record-breaking season, the press tried to find out exactly what it was that transformed an above average division II squad into perhaps the second best I-AA team in the United States.

Much of the team's success was credited to an offensive unit which averaged nearly 16 points more than its opponents and gained 393 yards per game. The Knights not only won last season and set new standards for their running game, but they did so with creative flair, using trick plays and variety in their play-calling.

So who is responsible for this offensive power? Besides the obvious leadership of head coach Gene McDowell, the talented hands of Sean Beckett and legs of Mark Giacone, the man who has orchestrated the rise of UCF football into a high scoring and exciting program is offensive coordinator Mike Kruczek.

In the past, Kruczek has been portrayed by the media as an eccentric and colorful genius who wakes up for 4:30 a.m. workouts in the weight room and keeps his muscular body darkly tanned and his hair

artificially blond. All these quirks have combined with his colorful past to give the coach a celebrity persona and reputation.

Yet behind the mystique, Kruczek proves to be in the limelight due not to the flavor of his personality but to the excellence of his character.

"Judging from the places I've been, he really knows what's going on," wide receivers coach

"His will to win is so intense during the week that it rubs off on everyone else."

- Robert Ector
UCF Asst. Football Coach

Robert Ector said. "His will to win during the week is so intense that it rubs off on every one else."

Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, Kruczek emerged as a nationally sought after high school quarterback at St. Johns College High School, a four year military high school in the nation's capital. He threw 260 times for 2200 yards his senior year due to a change in the team's offense and the result was

national prominence.

After visiting Notre Dame, NC State, Ohio State, and Penn State, Kruczek decided on Boston College for scholastic and athletic reasons.

"I wanted the best education I could get and to play as quickly as possible and Boston offered that," Kruczek said. "In Boston, the culture factor was enough to swing my decision."

Kruczek was named to the All-American and All-East squads while lettering three times at Boston College and was taken in the second round of the 1976 draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Picked 38th in the draft behind players like two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin, Kruczek was pleased to go to the Steelers.

"They had just come off their second Super Bowl season in a row," Kruczek said. "In Pittsburgh, with as stable as they were at quarterback, I was surprised that they took me with their second pick. I was happy to go there and it was only four hours from home."

After he joined the team, the second and third string quarterbacks were cut leaving only Kruczek and Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw as the Steelers' two triggermen.

"He and I became real, real



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Offensive coordinator Mike Kruczek looks on during UCF football practice. Kruczek played pro ball with the Steelers and Redskins.

close," Kruczek said. "Bradshaw had been a hero of sorts to me and he took me under his wing and helped me a lot. He was a very outgoing guy and I was

very reserved, but that changed quickly."

Kruczek once again came into

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Rec. Services rigged for summer fun

by Ryan Burkett
CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Recreational Services is offering plenty of alternatives for students with nothing to do but a lot of time to do it.

According to Recreational Services, most students do not take advantage of the recreational facilities UCF has to offer. As a result, much of the equipment is not being utilized and should be available this summer at any student's convenience.

Facilities on campus include both indoor and outdoor courts for most sports, as well as outdoor fields for softball, soccer and track. Students and faculty can rent the equipment to use the facilities at no charge with a current validated ID card. Everything from balls (soccer, basketball and football), rackets

(tennis and racquetball) to volleyball nets can be rented.

Intramural sports will not start up until next fall. The reason for this is lack of participation in previous summers said Loren Knutson, director of Recreational Services.

"We have struggled to get participants. In the past we have had a 75% forfeit rate," Knutson said.

Community softball and volleyball leagues designed for faculty/staff, Research Park and local business teams are already in progress and will continue through August 2.

Other activities include weightlifting, golf, disc golf and aerobic classes.

Even if you are determined to have a relaxing summer with little or no exercise, the UCF pool is always a nice place to

hang out with friends and get some sun. Pool hours are Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and weekends noon to 4:00 p.m.

Lake Claire is open for use this summer also. There is presently one canoe available or you can rent a volleyball net, cook out and just hang out with friends. "We are trying to develop Lake Claire in more detail for student use," Knutson said.

An open recreation schedule is published weekly by the Office of Recreational Services showing the actual hours these facilities are available for use. Copies of the schedule are available at the RS Building, Student Center, Gym and Kiosk.

Rectemberfest '91 will be held Saturday, Sept. 14. This event

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